



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 6, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“On February 14, 2007, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) submitted an analysis of Senate Bill 156 to the Board of Supervisors. Senator Simitian’s bill would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008 and place it on the 2008 Statewide Primary ballot. If approved, it would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4 billion for library construction and renovation.

“While Library Construction and Renovation Bond Acts have been put on the ballot previously, Los Angeles County and California at large have yet to meet the growing demand for essential library improvements. While Proposition 14 passed in 2000, three-quarters of eligible bond applications were not awarded due to the large number of applications. The rejection of Proposition 81 in 2006 further exacerbated the challenge on the State to finance library construction and renovation.

“While Los Angeles County has benefited from the 2000 bond funding for our new libraries in Lawndale and Acton/Agua Dulce, our growing needs far outweigh the resources currently available. The CAO’s analysis sites that ‘over the past 20 years, the County Library’s service area has increased by 39%. By 2020, the Library will need to add new buildings in 10 high growth areas and replace 67 of the existing buildings.

“Senator Simitian’s bond provides as a promising opportunity to meet the growing infrastructure needs of our Library system.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the recommended amendments as set forth by the County Librarian in the Chief Administrative Officer's February 14, 2007 memo to the Board regarding Senate Bill 156 (Simitian), legislation which would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008 and would place it on the 2008 Statewide primary ballot, and if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in amount of \$4 billion for library construction and renovation; and
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer's Intergovernmental Unit to actively support amending SB 156 by sending a five-signature letter to Senator Simitian, Governor Schwarzenegger and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation.

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